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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for having noted the presence of allowable subject matter in the application.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are independent.

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al. (US PAT: 6,243,442 B 1, filed 12- 19- 1997, hereinafter Tanaka). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding claim 1, according to the Examiner, "Tanaka discloses a method for processing an emergency call made from behind a PBX/MLTS, the method comprising the steps of: within the PBX/MLTS determining whether the dialed digits represent an emergency number (fig. 4, col. 10, lines 14-30), assigning priority (fig. 6, col. 10, lines 8-13) within the PBX/MLTS to call determined to be an emergency call (col. 10, lines 63-67, col. 11, lines 1-67, col. 12, lines 1-35)..."

It is respectfully submitted that the cited portions of Tanaka do not teach or suggest claim 1.

Figure 4 is not discussed in columns 10-12 of Tanaka. Nevertheless, column 10 discusses the routing of an emergency call to a preselected trunk line.